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Lambert's sold

Town approves liquor license transfer for new store

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Sandy Lambert's Marketplace on St. George Street has been sold and the liquor licenses transferred. On Monday at a public hearing, Duxbury selectmen approved the transfer of two liquor licenses from KBBJ Marketplace, the owner of Sandy Lambert's Marketplace, to new owner Sangita Patel. Patel is the manager of a new corporation called Duxbury Package Store Inc., which runs the four-year-old convenience/ package store that used to be Millbrook Market. Duxbury attorney Robert Galvin Sr. told selectmen that Patel, who lives in Marshfield, has seven years of retail liquor sales experience including three years managing the Ocean Bluff liquor store in Marshfield and four years at the Turnpike Liquor store in Shrewsbury, where she has worked since 2010. Galvin noted that the Turnpike Liquor store had a license violation this past summer when alcohol was sold to a 19-year old, but he said Patel was not working there at the time. Since then, that store installed a machine that checks the identification of everyone purchasing alcohol. Galvin said Patel plans to use the same type of machine in her store.

Patel is a naturalized U.S. citizen, according to Galvin, who said he has known her for ten years and finds her to be an upstanding person.

"I believe she is capable and she is industrious," said Galvin.

Selectmen chairman Shawn Dahlen and Selectman Ted Flynn voted for the transfer of the two liquor licenses including an annual beer and wine license and a seasonal all alcoholic license, which allows liquor to be sold from April 1 through November 20. Selectman David Madigan was not at the meeting.

There were no comments from the public during the hearing.

The store will be reconfigured and divided into two

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sides, with one side selling alcohol and the other side offering convenience foods such as snacks and candy. Galvin said he informed Patel of the proximity of the store to the Duxbury schools and that he told her she must be "extremely careful" about checking identification.

Patel has a five-year lease for the store with the option to renew the lease three times during the next twenty years, according to Galvin.